Fish Famine in Coastal Karnataka

1345. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, it is a fact that coastal districts of Karnataka are facing fish famine and fish production has reduced to half during the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of fish production during the last two years in the State, both the costal production and the inland production; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to tackle the fish famine and to improve fish production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. There has been no fish famine in the costal districts of Karnataka. Fish production has not reduced to half during the last two years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Details of fish production during the last two years in the State both coastal and inland waters are as under:

(in tonnes)

Year	Coastal	Inland	Total
1999-2000	165653	126646	292299
2000-2001	175906	127468	303374

(d) A number of State / Centrally Sponsored Schemes are under implementation in the State to improve both inland and coastal fish production which include (i) subsidy for motorisation of traditional craft, (ii) subsidy on Central Excise Duty on HSD oil supplied to mechanised fishing vessels below 20 metre length (iii) subsidy for fresh water aquaculrure etc.

Fishing in Indian Seas by Foreign Vessels

1346. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the menace of foreign fishing trawlers and